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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A portable basketball goal assembly comprising:

a goal suspended over a playing surface;

a base that rests on the playing surface to support the goal, the base having at least one motion facilitating member that facilitates relative motion between the base and the playing surface; and

an anchoring attachment having an anchored configuration in which the anchoring attachment rigidly attaches the base to the playing surface to substantially restrict motion of the base with respect to the playing surface, and a free configuration in which the anchoring attachment does not substantially restrict relative motion between the base and the playing surface.

2. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 1, wherein the base has a hollow shape and is formed substantially of a polymeric material.

3. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 1, wherein the motion facilitating member comprises a wheel disposed to roll along the playing surface.

4. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 1, wherein the anchoring attachment is configured to threadably engage an anchor disposed within an anchoring hole of the playing surface.

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5. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 4, wherein the anchoring attachment comprises a head configured to be manually rotated to move the anchoring attachment between the anchored configuration and the free configuration.

6. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 5, wherein the anchoring attachment extends through a hole of the base.

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7. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 1, wherein the anchoring attachment is configured to engage a retaining member anchored within the anchoring hole.

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8. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 7, wherein the retaining member comprises an eyelet, the anchoring fastener comprising a hooked shape selectively engageable with the eyelet.

9. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 8, wherein the retaining member is configured to threadably engage an anchor disposed within an anchoring hole of the playing surface.

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10. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim I, further comprising a support strut with a first end attached to the support pole and a second end coupled to the base, wherein the anchoring attachment is disposed near a lengthwise axis of the support strut.

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11. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 9, wherein the second end is attached to a bracket affixed to the base, wherein the bracket is constructed of a high strength material.

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12. (Original) The portable basketball goal assembly of claim 9, wherein the anchoring attachment is disposed near the second end of the support strut.

Please cancel Claims 13-45.

Please add the following new claims.

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46. (New) A portable basketball goal system that is capable of being moved relative to a playing surface and being anchored in a fixed position relative to the playing surface, the portable basketball goal system comprising:

a portable basketball goal including an elongated support;

a basketball goal connected to the elongated support;

a base connected to the elongated support;

a mounting region formed in the base;

a support strut connecting the elongated support of the portable basketball goal and the base, the support strut being sized and configured to transmit one or more forces between the elongated support and the base; and

an anchoring assembly including a fastener that is sized and configured to selectively secure the portable basketball goal system in the fixed position.

47. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, wherein the support strut is connected to the mounting region of the base and the anchoring assembly is at least partially disposed within the mounting region of the base.

48. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, wherein the support strut is connected to the base proximate the anchoring assembly.

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49. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, wherein the support strut is connected to mounting region of the base and the support strut is connected to the anchoring assembly.

50. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, wherein the support strut is connected to the anchoring assembly.

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51. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, wherein the fastener of the anchoring assembly extends through an opening in the mounting region of the base and the fastener is sized and configured to selectively connect the portable basketball goal to the surface.

52. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, further comprising an anchoring attachment connected to the playing surface, the fastener of the anchoring assembly being sized and configured to be connected to the anchoring attachment to secure the portable basketball goal in a fixed position.

53. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, further comprising a resilient member disposed between the fastener of the anchoring assembly and the mounting region of the base.

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54. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, further comprising a bracket disposed between the fastener of the anchoring assembly and the mounting region of the base.

55. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 54, wherein the bracket includes rounded edges and a slot which are sized and configured to allow the fastener to be positioned at an angle relative to the playing surface.

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56. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, further comprising a longitudinal axis that generally extends along a length of the support strut, the longitudinal axis being generally aligned with a portion of the anchoring assembly.

57. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 56, wherein the longitudinal axis is generally aligned with the connection of the fastener to a fastener receiving portion.

58. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 46, further comprising a bracket that connects the support strut to the anchoring assembly.

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59. (New) A portable basketball goal system that is capable of being connected to a surface, the portable basketball goal system comprising:

an elongated support;

a basketball goal connected to the elongated support;

a base connected to the elongated support, the base including a first mounting region and a second mounting region;

a first support strut including a first end connected to the elongated support and a second end connected to the first mounting region of the base, the first support strut being sized and configured to transmit a force between the elongated support and the base;

a second support strut including a first end connected to the elongated support and a second end connected to the second mounting region of the base, the second support strut being sized and configured to transmit a force between the elongated support and the base;

a first anchoring assembly that is at least partially disposed within the first mounting region of the base, the first anchoring assembly being sized and configured to selectively attach the base to the surface; and

a second anchoring assembly that is at least partially disposed within the second mounting region of the base, the second anchoring assembly being sized and configured to selectively attach the base to the surface.

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60. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 59, wherein the first anchoring assembly includes an anchoring attachment and an anchor receiving portion; and wherein the second anchoring assembly includes an anchoring attachment and an anchor receiving portion.

61. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 59, wherein the first anchoring assembly includes a threaded fastener that is inserted through an opening in the first mounting portion and a receiving portion that is connected to the surface; and wherein the second anchoring assembly includes a threaded fastener that is inserted through an opening in the second mounting portion and a receiving portion that is connected to the surface.

62. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 59, further comprising a first longitudinal axis that generally extends along a length of the first support strut, the first longitudinal axis being generally aligned with a portion of the first anchoring assembly; and further comprising a second longitudinal axis that generally extends along a length of the second support strut, the second longitudinal axis being generally aligned with a portion of the second anchoring assembly.

63. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 59, further comprising a first bracket that connects the first support strut to the first anchoring assembly and a second bracket that connects the second support strut to the second anchoring assembly.

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64. (New) A portable basketball goal system that is capable of being connected to a surface, the portable basketball goal system comprising:

an elongated support;

a basketball goal connected to the elongated support;

a base connected to the elongated support, the base including a first mounting region and a second mounting region;

a first support strut connected to the elongated support and the first mounting region of the base, the first support strut being sized and configured to transmit a force between the elongated support and the base;

a first anchoring assembly that is at least partially disposed within the first mounting region of the base, the first anchoring assembly being sized and configured to selectively attach the base to the surface;

a first bracket at least partially disposed between the first anchoring assembly and the first mounting region, the first bracket being sized and configured to allow the first anchoring assembly to be disposed at an angle relative to the surface;

a second support strut connected to the elongated support and the second mounting region of the base, the second support strut being sized and configured to transmit a force between the elongated support and the base;

a second anchoring assembly that is at least partially disposed within the second mounting region of the base, the second anchoring assembly being sized and configured to selectively attach the base to the surface;

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a second bracket at least partially disposed between the second anchoring assembly and the second mounting region, the second bracket being sized and configured to allow the second anchoring assembly to be disposed at an angle relative to the surface.

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65. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 64, further comprising a first longitudinal axis that generally extends along a length of the first support strut, the first longitudinal axis being generally aligned with a portion of the first anchoring assembly; and further comprising a second longitudinal axis that generally extends along a length of the second support strut, the second longitudinal axis being generally aligned with a portion of the second anchoring assembly.

66. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 64, further comprising a first bracket that connects the first support strut to the first anchoring assembly and a second bracket that connects the second support strut to the second anchoring assembly.
